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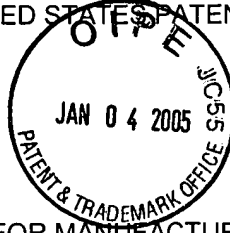
In re U.S. divisional application of:

Masataka KONDO, et al.

Serial No.: 09/837,004

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING
A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Art Unit: 1763

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	8	-	8 **	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$ [FEE]
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 1, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.